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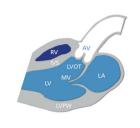


PLAX: Parasternal Long Axis





- The transducer is placed in 3rd/4th Intercostal space (for LV)
- The transducer is placed in 2nd/3rd Intercostal space (for Aorta)
- Depth 12-16 cm
- Orientation marker at 10 o'clock (Right shoulder)

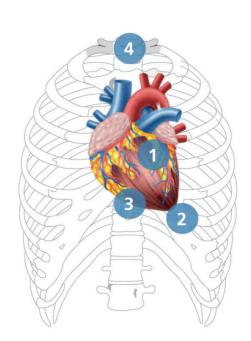




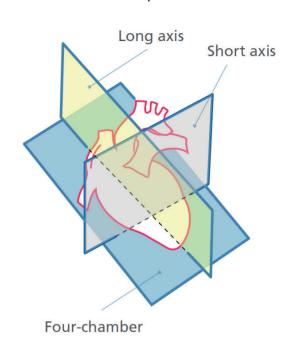
Scanning views

Acoustic windows

- PLAX en SAX
- A4C, A2C, APLAX, A5C
- 4CH: by Subcostal view
- Suprasternal



Scan planes



SAX: Parasternal Short Axis

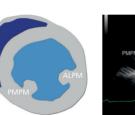






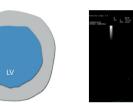








Apical level





• Same position as LAX but with 90° clockwise rotation

• Orientation marker at 2 o'clock (left shoulder)

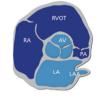
Mitral valve level





Aortic Valve Level: Big vessels Orientation towards superior section (Basal vessels)

Aortic, tricuspid & pulmonary artery level



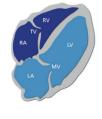


A4C: Apical 4 Chambers





- The transducer is placed on the apical impulse
- Depth: 14-18 cm
- Transducer orientation marker at 3 o'clock





A2C: Apical 2 Chambers





- Same position as Apical view but with 90° counterclockwise ro-
- Transducer orientation marker to the left shoulder





APLAX: Apical 5 Chambers

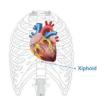
APLAX: Apical 3 Chambers





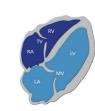
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4CH: by Subcostal view

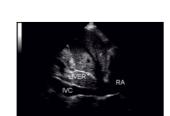




- Transducer orientation towards the left side
- The transducer axis must be oriented towards the left shoulder
- Bent knees







Suprasternal





- Put the orientation marker towards the left side
- The transducer axis must be oriented towards the heart's bases
- The neck must be in hyper-extension





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AA: Ascending Aorta AV: Aortic Valve AW: Anterior Wall **DA:** Descending Aorta **DTA:** Descending Tract Aorta ILW: Infero-lateral Wall IVC: Inferior Vena Canra **IVS:** Inter Ventricular Septum LA: Left Atrium

LLPV: Left Lower Pulmonary LV: Left Ventricule

LVOT: Left Ventricule Outflow

MV: Mitral Valve **PA:** Pulmonary Artery **PW:** Posterior Wall RA: Right Atrium **RPA:** Right Pulmonary Artery **RUPV:** Right Upper Pulmonary **RV:** Right Ventricule **RVOT:** Right Ventricule Outflow **TV:** Tricuspid Valve

LVPW: Left Ventricular Posteri-